

OKLAHOMA STATE REFORMATORY

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Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite was established in 1909, built by inmates using granite blocks cut from hills nearby. It was originally built to house younger inmates who could be rehabilitated, providing them programs to get an education and learn a trade. However, OSR evolved gradually over time into a medium-security prison.

The prison added four new housing units in 1984 and closed its “old cell house” in compliance with federal court mandates. In 2016, ODOC moved OSR’s inmates to North Fork Correctional Center, which the agency began leasing from CoreCivic. ODOC closed its inmate work centers and moved their occupants to OSR, which became a community-level security facility.

Today, OSR, now a medium-level facility, is home to more than 800 medium security level inmates, in addition to 200 minimum security level inmates and a 42 bed segregated housing unit. The 10-acre facility has none of its original buildings, and its oldest structure dates back to 1921. A storied history includes being home to the nation’s first accredited high school in a prison and the first female warden in the United States, Clara Waters.



Education

Many inmates lack education, a key component in avoiding re-incarceration. OSR offers literacy courses as well as diplomas for Pre-High School Equivalency and High School Equivalency. College associate degree classes are also offered.



Substance Abuse Treatment

For those inmates who need substance abuse treatment, OSR teaches them ways to avoid drug and alcohol use, while also helping them develop the cognitive, social, emotional, and coping skills needed.



Criminal Thinking

OSR offers Thinking for a Change and Associates 4 Success programs to address thinking, judgment errors, and relationships linked with criminal behavior.



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